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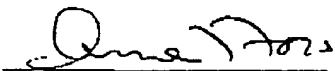
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In Re the Application of:

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Sir:

This letter is responsive to the Office Action issued October 3, 2002.

Applicants elect to prosecute method claims 1 – 8 in this application, reserving their right to file a divisional application on claims 9 – 17.

With respect to the Species I embodiment shown in Figure 4 and the Species II embodiment shown in Figure 7, applicants elect with traverse to prosecute in this application method claims 1 – 6 and 8 readable on Figure 4 of Species I, of which claims 4 – 6 and 8 specifically read on the embodiment of Figure 4.

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Claim 7, which reads on the Species II embodiment of Figure 7, depends on claim 1 which is generic to both Species I and Species II, and accordingly claim 7 should be prosecuted in this application.

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Favourable consideration of claims 1 - 8 on their merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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